

RESPONSE

Claims Status

Claims 1-55 were originally filed in this application. An office action was issued on February 28, 2007, rejecting claims 1-3, 5-18, 22, 25-29, 31-44, 48 and 53-55 and objecting to claims that claims 4, 19-21, 23, 24, 30, 45-47 and 49-52. In a telephone interview held on March 8, 2007, Examiner Philippe indicated the objected-to claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form incorporating all elements of the claims from which they depend.

In this response, Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 27 and dependent claims 20, 21, 25, 46, 47 and 51, added new independent claims 56-61, and cancelled claims 4, 18, 19, 23, 24, 30, 44, 45, 49, 50 and 53-55. Specifically, claim 1 now incorporates the limitations of allowable claim 4; claim 27 now incorporates the limitations of allowable claim 30; claim 56 corresponds to allowable claim 19, claim 57 corresponds to allowable claim 23, claim 58 corresponds to allowable claim 24, claim 59 corresponds to allowable claim 45, claim 60 corresponds to allowable claim 49 and claim 61 corresponds to allowable claim 50.

Support for the amendments and new claims can be found in the originally-filed claims deemed to be otherwise allowable by the Examiner. No new matter has been added.

Claim Objections

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the favorable examination of claims 4, 19-21, 23, 24, 30, 45-47 and 49-52.

Claim Rejections

In the current Action, claims 1-3, 5-18, 22, 25-29, 31-44, 48 and 53-55 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as anticipated by “Target Acquisition System and Method” by Sacks et al. (“Sacks”).

Applicant has incorporated allowable subject matter into each independent claim, and therefore submits that the claims as amended are patentable over the cited reference.

Interview Summary

The undersigned wishes to thank Examiner Philippe for his time and courtesy extended during the various telephonic interviews regarding this case. The foregoing is intended to constitute a proper recodation of the interview in accordance with M.P.E.P. §713.04.

CONCLUSION

As the claims have been amended to recite subject matter deemed allowable by the Examiner, Applicant submits that all claims are now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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